

# Alias the Lone Wolf

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## CHAPTER XV

### The Vampire and the Jewels

Lanyard left Athenais at her apartment and immediately followed her directions to the house of Liane.

It stood four-square and massive on a corner between the avenues of Friedland and des Champs-Elysees, a solid stone pile of a town-house in the most modern mode.

Heavy gates of wrought bronze guarded the front doors. The single side or service-door was similarly protected if more simply. And stout grilles of bronze barred every window on the level of the street.

Tomorrow night would be too late. Tonight, if there were any warrant for his suspicions, the jewels of Eve de Montalais lay in the dwelling of Liane Delorme; or if they were not there, the secret of their hiding was.

But tomorrow Liane would be on the wing; or Lanyard had been sorely mistaken in seeing in her as badly frightened a woman as he had ever known, when she had learned of the assassination of des Lorgnes.

He must adventure the consequences.

Poised to leave his shelter with his point of attack selected, he checked and fell back into the shadow. Something was happening in the house across the way.

A man had opened the service-door and paused behind the bronze gate.

Following a little wait, it swung slowly out, perhaps eighteen inches, the man advancing with it and again halting to peer up and down the street. Then quickly, as if alarmed, he withdrew.

Listening intently, Lanyard heard no click of latch, such as should have been audible in that dead hour of hush. Evidently the fellow had neglected to make fast the gate. What was he up to? Why this furtive appearance, why the retreat so abruptly executed?

By way of answer came the soft drone of a high-powered motor.

Before the corner house it stopped. A lackey alighted with an umbrella, but Liane Delorme would not wait for him. The car had not stopped when she threw the door open; on the instant when its wheels ceased to turn she jumped down and ran into the house.

Now if only it were true that the man at the service-door had failed to close it securely.

It proved so. The gate gave readily to Lanyard's pull. The knob of the small door turned silently. He stepped across the threshold, and shut himself into an unlighted hall.

To one side a broad flight of stairs ascended. Lanyard went up with the activity of a cat, making no more noise.

The second floor proved to be devoted mainly to a drawing room, a lounge, and a library, all furnished in a weird, inchoate sort of magnificence, with money rather than with taste, if one might judge fairly by the furtive and guarded beam of the torch.

Lights were burning on the floor above, and a rumor of feminine voices drifted down, interrupted by an occasional sibilant rustle of silk, or a brief patter of high-heeled feet; noises which bore out the conjecture that madame's maid was undressing and putting her to bed.

A change in the tenor of the talk between mistress and maid was conveyed by a sudden lift of half an octave in the latter's voice, sounding a sharp note of protest, to be answered by Liane in accent of overbearing anger.

One simply could not rest without knowing what that meant; Lanyard mounted the second flight of stairs as swiftly, surely, and soundlessly as he had the first. Just below a landing he

paused, crouching low, his head lifted just enough to permit him to see a section of growing, rose-pink wall—it would be rose-pink.

He could see nothing more; and Liane had already retreated, maid to responses feebly submissive.

"And why should you not go with me to that America if I wish it?" Lanyard heard her say. "Is likely I would leave you behind to spread scandal concerning me with that gabbling tongue in your head?"

"It is well, madame. I say no more. I will go."

"Fetch my jewel case—the large one."

"Madame takes all her jewels, then?" the maid inquired, moving about the room.

"But naturally, I shall pack



HER EYES BULGING FROM THEIR SOCKETS.

them tonight before I sleep."

"Damnation!"—from Lanyard beneath his breath. More delay! "And we leave tomorrow, madame, at what time?"

"It matters not, so we are in Cherbourg by midnight."

Lanyard slipped like a shadow to the floor below, and took shelter behind a jug in the wall.

The maid came down, carrying an electric candle. Its rays illumined from below one of those faces of crude comeliness. She hesitated, looking up toward the room of her mistress, as if lost in thought.

But some secret thought amused the woman, a shadow deepened in the visible corner of her full-lipped mouth. One fancied something sardonic in that covert smile.

She went on down. Lanyard came out of hiding with a fresh enterprise abrew.

Liane would be at least another half hour busy with her jewelry, and the thought presented itself that the library, immediately beneath her room, should be worthy an investigation.

The library was furnished with bulky old Italian pieces of carved oak, but suitable enough with one exception, a ponderous buffet, completely out of place in a room of that character.

But—this drew a frowning stare—there was a key in the lock of the middle door.

"There's such a thing as too much luck," Lanyard commended. "First the service gate and door, and now this, ready to my hand!"

He swung sharply round and searched every shadow in the

room with the glare of the portable lamp.

Placing the lamp on the floor and adjusting its hood so that it focused squarely upon the middle section of the buffet, he turned the key and discovered, behind the door, a small safe.

The combination dial was smug with ill-grounded confidence in its own inviolate integrity. Still (Lanyard told it) it could hardly be expected to know, it had yet to be dealt with by the shade of the Lone Wolf.

Amused by the conceit, Lanyard laid hold of the knob with steady, delicate fingertips that had not yet, in spite of years of honorable idleness, forgotten their cunning. The dial whirled, paused, reversed, turned all but imperceptibly. In three minutes he sat back on his heels, grasped the T-handle, turned it, had the satisfaction of hearing the bolts slide back into their sockets, and opened the door wide.

But the racked pigeonholes held nothing to interest him whose aim was the recovery of the Montalais jewels. The safe was, in fact, dedicated simply to the storage of documents.

"Love letters!" Lanyard mused with a grimace of weariness. "And each believed, no doubt, she cared too much to compromise him. Good Lord—what vanity is man's!"

He selected a pigeonhole at hazard, and emptied it of several bundles of letters, all neatly bound with tape or faded ribbon and clearly docketed. His eye was caught by a great name endorsed on the face of one of the packages; and reading what else was written there his brows rose high while his lips shaped a soundless whistle. Liane had kept such documents as gave her power over others. Lanyard wondered if it were possible he held in his hand an instrument to bend the woman to his will.

Suddenly he put out a hand and switched off the light, a gesture quite involuntary, simple reaction to the muffled thump of a chair overturned on the floor above.

Sounds of scuffling followed as if Liane were dancing to no music with a heavy-footed partner. Then a groan—

His hands moved so rapidly and deftly that although he seemed to rise without a second's delay, the safe was closed and the combination locked when he did so, the buffet door was shut and its key in his pocket.

This time Lanyard ascended the stairs without heeding what noise he made. Nevertheless his actions were never awkward or ill-timed; his approach was not heard, his arrival on the upper landing was unnoticed.

In an instantaneous pause he looked into the rose-pink room and saw Liane Delorme, in a negligee like a cobweb over a night dress even more sheer, kneeling and clawing to her throat, round which a heavy silk handkerchief was slowly tightening; her face already purple with strangulation her eyes bulging from their sockets.

## GEORGETOWN

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Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Arnett of Parkers Run visited at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arnett, recently.

Miss Belle Morgan was shopping in Fairmont this week.

Norman Wildman recently purchased a farm at Oakland, Md., where he will reside in the near future.

Mrs. George Carpenter and Mrs. Dewey Miller were shopping in Fairmont this week.

Mrs. N. Fitzpatrick of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Youst Hite.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wildman and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Michael motored to Oakland, Md., where they will spend several days.

Mrs. Leslie Crandal is ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Youst Hite were shopping in Fairmont recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Arnett visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Satterfield at Brady recently.

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